

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner indicated claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The Examiner indicated claims 2-6, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 112 rejections with the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Regarding claim 1, on one hand, in bullet #2 of the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner cited the limitation "wherein the electrically conductive wire does not electrically couple the first and second semiconductor regions together" of claim 1 as being allegedly contrary to another limitation of claim 1. In response, Applicants deleted the limitation quoted above. As a result, Applicants contend that claim 1 is not indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

On the other hand, in bullet #3 of the final Office Action, the Examiner stated that "Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action." As a result, with the deletion of the allegedly contradictory limitation of claim 1 quoted above, Applicants contend that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 2-6, 8, and 10, on one hand, in bullet #2 of the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-6, 8, and 10 as allegedly "being directly or indirectly dependent of the rejected independent base claim." Since claims 2-6, 8, and 10 depend from claim 1 which is not indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as argued above, claims 2-6, 8, and 10 are likewise not indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

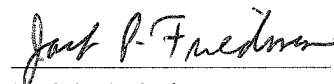
On the other hand, in bullet #4 of the final Office Action, the Examiner stated that "Claims 2-6, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under

35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.” Since claims 2-6, 8, and 10 are not indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicants contend that claims 2-6, 8, and 10 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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